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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

HEALTH OFFICER MEMORANDUM

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TO: Health Officers
CRF Cancer Program Directors, Coordinators and Staff
SAHC CRF Program Directors, Coordinators, and Staff

FROM: Maria-Theresa C. Okafor, PhD, MCG, Program Manager
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RE: **CRF-CPEST Client Database (CDB) Benchmarks; 2nd and 3rd Quarter, FY15**

Please find attached, **statewide** benchmarks data for the **second and third quarters** of Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) for colorectal cancer. This reflects Client Database (CDB) data from 10/01/2014 through 12/31/2014 for the second quarter and from 1/01/2015 through 3/31/2015, for the third quarter. Please note that data for both quarters are included as one attachment. **Jurisdiction-specific benchmark data will be sent electronically to your CRF/CPEST Program Director/Coordinator.**

CPEST Programs should:

- Review the reports
- Correct and/or enter data in the CDB where needed and appropriate
- Document any issues in the CDB
- Review local policies/procedures in order to improve processes related to benchmarks, if needed.

Statewide, in the second and third quarters, four colorectal cancer benchmarks were met and three benchmarks were not measureable because zero adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma meeting CPEST benchmark criteria were diagnosed. Should the DHMH-Surveillance and Evaluation Unit have any questions about jurisdiction-specific benchmark data, CRF/CPEST Program Directors/Coordinators will be contacted directly. If you have any questions/ about the benchmark data, please contact me at maria-theresa.okafor@maryland.gov or 410-767-2616.

Attachments (e-mailed to Health Officers, CPEST Program Directors)

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